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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT, DAMASCUS AIRPORT,
FEB 21, 1977

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT
DAMASCUS AIRPORT ON COMPLETION OF HIS VISIT.

2. QUOTE: (FIRST PART OF STATEMENT UNRECORDED)

I ALSO HOPE THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN.

I WAS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE TIME WHICH PRES-
IDENT ASAD GAVE TO ME FOR DISCUSSIONS, AND OF THE WARM
AND STRAIGHTFORWARD AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WHICH
WE HAD, BOTH WITH PRESIDENT ASAD AND WITH THE FOREIGN
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MINISTER THE PRIME MINISTER. MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT
OUR STAY IN DAMASCUS WAS SO SHORT. WE HAVE ENJOYED
IT TREMENDOUSLY, AND HOPE THAT WE MAY COME BACK IN
THE FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED. UNQUOTE.
MURPHY

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